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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The reply brief filed 02/01/2011 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KRYSTINE BREIER whose telephone number is (571)270-7614. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday, 8am-5:30pm EST and alternate Fridays 8am-4:30pm EST.

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